

On page 2, line 8,

please add the following:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION--

On page 4, line 1,

delete "Claims" and insert **--WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--**

On page 5,

delete the Abstract and insert therefor:

--ABSTRACT

A cigarette is provided which includes a tobacco strand wrapped with a layer of paper having a water repellant impregnation made from a cellulose derivative.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete Claims 1-5.

Please add the following claims:

6. A cigarette comprising a tobacco strand wrapped with a layer of paper having a water repellent impregnation made from a cellulose derivative, wherein said cellulose derivative is applied in several layers and provides air permeability of at least 20 Coresta units.

7. A cigarette as described in Claim 6, wherein the cellulose derivative is ethyl cellulose.

8. A cigarette as described in Claim 6, wherein the cellulose derivative provides air permeability of at least 50 Coresta units.

9. A cigarette as described in Claim 6, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied on both sides of the paper.

10. A cigarette as described in Claim 6, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied in a quantity of at least 1 g/m^2 .

11. A cigarette as described in Claim 6, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied by means of a coating roller in a gravure process.

12. A cigarette as described in Claim 6, wherein the wrapper is composed of only one layer of paper.

sb C³ 13. A cigarette wrapper comprising a water repellant impregnation made from a cellulose derivative, wherein said cellulose derivative is applied in several layers and provides air permeability of at least 20 Coresta units.

2 14. A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 13, wherein said cellulose derivative is ethyl cellulose.

15. A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 13, wherein said cellulose derivative provides air permeability of at least 50 Coresta units.

16. A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 13, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied on both sides of the paper.

17. A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 13, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied in a quantity of at least 1 g/m^2 .

18. A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 13, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied by means of a coating roller in a gravure process.

19. A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 13, wherein the wrapper is composed of only one layer of paper.